

intended to facilitate public comment on the scope of this SWEIS. It is not intended to be all-inclusive, nor does it imply any predetermination of potential impacts. The SWEIS will describe the potential environmental impacts of the alternatives, using available data where possible and obtaining additional data where necessary. In accordance with the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR 1500.4 and 1502.21), other documents, as appropriate, may be incorporated into the impacts analyses by reference, in whole or in part. DOE specifically welcomes suggestions and comments for the addition or deletion of items on this list.

- Potential effects on the public and workers from exposures to radiological and hazardous materials during normal operations and from reasonably postulated accidents, including aircraft crashes;
- Potential effect on air and groundwater quality from normal operations and potential accidents;
- Potential cumulative effects of past, present, and future operations at SNL/NM (this SWEIS will include effects of current and reasonably foreseeable federal actions on KAFB).
- Effects on waste management practices and activities, including pollution prevention, waste minimization, and waste stream characterization
- Potential impacts of noise levels to the ambient environment and sensitive receptors; and
- Potential impacts on land use plans, policies, and controls.

Classified Material

DOE will review classified material while preparing this SWEIS. Within the limits of classification, DOE will provide to the public as much information as possible. Any classified material DOE needs to use to explain the purpose and need for action, or the uses, materials, or impacts analyzed in this SWEIS, will be segregated into a classified appendix or supplement.

Issued in Washington, D.C., this 23 day of May 1997, for the United States Department of Energy.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP97-187-005]

Arkansas Western Pipeline Company; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

May 23, 1997.

Take notice that on May 20, 1997, Arkansas Western Pipeline Company (AWP) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, tariff sheets to become effective June 1, 1997.

AWP states that the filing sets forth the revisions to AWP's tariff sheets that are necessary to comply with FERC's May 5, 1997 Letter Order in Docket No. RP97-187-003.

Any person desiring to protest this filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Section 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such protests must be filed in accordance with Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and available for public inspection.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP97-533-000, CP97-534-000, CP97-535-000]

Chevron U.S.A. Inc., Venice Gathering Company, Venice Gathering System, L.L.C., Venice Energy Services Company; Notice of Application

May 23, 1997.

Take notice that on May 20, 1997, Chevron U.S.A. Inc. (Chevron), 1301 McKinney, Houston, Texas 77010; Venice Gathering Company (VGC), 1301 McKinney, Houston, Texas 77010; Venice Gathering System, L.L.C. (VGS), 1000 Louisiana, Houston, Texas 77002-5050, and Venice Energy Services Company (VESCO), 1000 Louisiana, Houston, Texas 77002-5050, jointly filed an application with the Commission in Docket Nos. CP97-533-000, CP97-534-000, and CP97-535-000

pursuant to Sections 7(b) and 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) for permission and approval for Chevron, VGC, and VESCO to abandon by transfer certain offshore Louisiana pipeline facilities to VGS; authority for VGS to construct and operate certain new offshore Louisiana pipeline facilities; and authority for VGS to operate and provide service on both the transferred and proposed facilities under open-access rates, terms, and conditions, all as more fully set forth in the application which is open to the public for inspection.

Chevron, VGC, VGS, and VESCO state that the purpose of their joint application is, in part, to comply with the Commission's April 17, 1997, order in Docket No. CP95-202-000 where the Commission denied a petition for a declaratory order for a determination that certain offshore pipeline facilities owned and/or operated by the applicants were not subject to the Commission's jurisdiction under the NGA. Chevron, VGC, VGS, and VESCO request, therefore appropriate certificate, rate, and tariff approvals to conform the subject facilities and services to the requirements applicable under the NGA.

VGS proposes in Docket No. CP97-533-000 to construct and operate 52.4 miles of 24-inch diameter pipe (Timbalier Expansion) from Chevron's South Timbalier Block 151 platform to an existing West Delta Block 79 platform. The proposed Timbalier Expansion would increase the delivery capacity of the Venice System from the current 482,000 Mcf per day of natural gas to approximately 810,000 Mcf per day. VGS states that one or more of its parent corporate affiliates would use internally generated funds to pay the estimated \$39.1 million construction cost for the proposed Timbalier Expansion.

VGS requests in Docket No. CP97-534-000 that the Commission grant VGS Part 284, Subpart G blanket transportation authority to perform open-access, self-implementing, non-discriminatory transportation service in interstate commerce with pregranted abandonment and subject to the applicable provisions of Part 284 of the Commission's Regulations. VGS states that it would comply with the applicable conditions set forth in Part 284, Subpart A of the Regulations.

VGS also requests in Docket No. CP97-535-000 that the Commission grant VGS Part 157, Subpart F blanket authority to engage in certain construction and operational activities from time to time as may be required on a self-implementing basis. VGS states that when constructing "eligible